

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:15-cv-00109-MR**

**SANDRA M. PETERS, on behalf of
herself and all others similarly
situated,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**AETNA INC., AETNA LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY, and
OPTUMHEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS,
INC.,**

Defendant.

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the parties' Joint Status Update Concerning Notice and Motion to Extend Trial Schedule [Doc. 307].

By the present motion, the parties seek an extension of the trial date and certain pretrial deadlines. [Doc. 307]. For the reasons stated in the parties' motion, and for cause shown, the Court will continue this matter to the January 2025 mixed term and will reset the pretrial deadlines accordingly.¹

¹ The parties request a continuation of the final pretrial conference to January 14, 2025; however, that date falls in the middle of the mixed term. It is the Court's intent to set final pretrial conferences for all January 2025 term cases during the week of December 16,


IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the parties' "Joint Motion to Extend Trial Schedule [Doc. 307] is **GRANTED**, and the trial of this matter is **CONTINUED** to the January 13, 2025 mixed trial term. The final pretrial conference, which is currently scheduled for November 1, 2024, is also **CONTINUED** and will be reset at a later date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following pretrial deadlines are extended as follows:

Task	Current Deadline	New Deadline
Filing of Joint Appendix	September 15, 2024	November 15, 2024
Plaintiff's Opening Trial Brief	October 1, 2024	November 29, 2024
Defendants' Consolidated Trial Brief	October 15, 2024	December 13, 2024
Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law	October 30, 2024	December 18, 2024

Signed: August 6, 2024

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Martin Reidinger
Chief United States District Judge



2024. Accordingly, the final pretrial conference will be rescheduled at a later date for some time during the week of December 16th. As for the deadline for the filing of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, that deadline will be extended only to December 18, 2024.